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To: United States Simulator Manufacturers, Sponsors and Interested Parties

FAA National Simulator Program News Letter

1. Retirements.

- a. **Charlie Spillner:** After more than 30 years of government service, 27 years with the FAA, I will be retiring from the agency on July 28. The best part of my career has been the people I have met or worked with over the years. This includes the members of the National Simulator Program (NSP), and our international regulatory and industry partners. Chip Reahard will serve as the acting manager, pending the selection of a new manager.
- b. **Ed Cox** (Oklahoma City) retired on June 30 with more than 30 years of government service. In addition to his duties as a National Simulator Specialist, Ed served as the course mentor for our Simulator Evaluator Course at the FAA Academy and can be credited with the course receiving the highest ratings.

2. **Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) International Work Group.** The FAA and National Simulator Program are in full support of the RAeS' efforts to develop a full suite of flight simulation device (FSTD) qualification criteria that will be submitted to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The Society will be leading an international working group to review the technical standards contained within ICAO Doc 9625 AN/938: Manual of Criteria for the Qualification of Flight Simulators and to expand these standards to include all flight training devices from the simplest desk top PC based device to the Level D FFS. The first international meeting was held at the office of ICAO in Montreal, June 19-22 and the second meeting will be held at Airbus in Toulouse, September 19-21. Additional information may be found on the RAeS Flight Simulation Group's website at: <http://www.raes-fsg.org.uk/>, select the link labeled "Enter the ICAO9625 IWG Forum."

3. **Part 60 Flight Simulation Device Initial and Continuing Qualification and Use.** Part 60 was submitted to the Office of the FAA Administrator on December 12, 2005 for review and signature. Once signed, the final rule will be published with an effective date of one year after that date. In his concurrence with the draft of the part 60 Final Rule, Deputy Administrator Bobby Sturgell indicated that the Final Rule will be published in The Federal Register concurrently with a document addressing how the FAA will deal with the Level 2 and Level 3 Flight Training Devices, currently discussed in Advisory Circular (AC) 120-45A (see paragraph #4 for additional information). The effective date of the Final Rule will be delayed for 12 months following its publication date to allow for the development, publication, public comment, final adjustment, and final publication of Change 1 to part 60. This process has already begun and will increase its activity in earnest immediately following the publication of part 60 in The Federal Register, which should occur on or about August 1st.

4. **Status of Levels 2 and 3 Flight Training Devices (FTD).** As you may know, Levels 2 and 3 FTD's will not be included in Part 60; and Advisory Circular 120-45A "Qualification of Flight Training Devices" will expire on the effective date of the rule. FAA Flight Standards, in the form of the NSP and the General Aviation and Commercial Aviation Division (AFS-800), is

presently completing coordination with the FAA's Office of the General Counsel on an interim AC that will address these levels of training devices along with those devices that had been previously issued the status of a "Conferred Level 1" training device and the newly developed Basic and Advanced Aviation Training Devices. It is the FAA's goal to prevent any disruption in the use of these devices and provide a clear understanding for how they are to be addressed in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles A. Spillner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" being the most prominent part.

Charles A Spillner
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